RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1905.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

HON. H. C. STUART MADE CHAIRMAN

Popular Southwest Man to Be at Head of the State Fair.

WILL BE ELECTED FINAL PRESIDENT

Charter to Be Gotten Shortly and Capital Stock is to Be Made \$150,000-Well-Known Richmond Men Elected to

Positions.

charge of the Virginia State Fair Asso ciation, held a meeting at Murphy's Hotel last night, and gave the proposed State Fair, to be held next fall, a long They selected temporary officers whom will likely be made permanent, and whose personnel will mean a great deal toward the success of the

They are Hon, Henry C. Stuart, of Rus sell, chairman', Mr. John Stewart Bryan of Richmond, vice-chairman; H. Lee Lorraine, Richmond, secretary; Captain John S. Ellett, Richmond, treasurer,

The election of Mr. Stuart as the pre-iding officer had been anticipated, but is nevertheless interesting. He is one of the most distinguished figures in the public eye of Virginia to-day.

A Strong Leader.

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Ite is a man of about the middle age of life, who has yet resped a good many honors at the hands of his people. Ite is probably the most distinguished leader of the Democratic party in Southwest Virginia, but since his appointment by Governor Montague as a member of the State Corporation Commission, he has not been active as a party leader.

Mr. Stuart is a nephew of the late General J. E. B. Stuart and a former State senator from his district. He was a decided leader in the recent State Constitutional Convention, and had a great deal to do with framing the ordinances on corporations and on suffrage.

Mr. Stuart is one of the largest stock-breeders in Southwest Virginia, and those who have put him at the nead of the proposed State Fair are not unmindful cr his love for good horse flesh.

The other officers are all well-known here. Mr. Bryan, who is made vice-chairman of the temporary organization, and well-will the the resumerant iter.

chairman of the temporary organization, and who will be the permanent vice-president, is vice-president and general manager of the Times-Dispatch Company, while Mr. Lorraine and Captain Ellett are both well-known business men

All Harmonious.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. H. Lee Lorraine, and Mr. Charles B. Cook was made secretary.

Letters were received from Messrs, L Z. Morris, W. J. Leake and A. L. Adamson, regretting their inability to attend, and Mr. A. D. Payne, of Charlottesville, sent a letter saying he would co-operate in every possible way to make the fair

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Hon. Henry C. Stuart, of Russell, in a speech replete with happy compliments. Everybody seemed to second Mr. Stuart's nomination, and he was unanimously elected am'd great applause. The other officers were then chosen with similar harmony and enthusiasm. The committee discussed a good many other matters relating to the fair, and there is avery prospect that the prospect

is every prospect that the project will be completely successful.

The charter will be secured from the State Corporation Commission in a few days, and the maximum capital stock will be \$150,000. The par value of the shares of stock will be \$25.

WOMAN'S CLUB WON'T JOIN THE FEDERATION

(By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Nov. 23.—The Alabama Federation of Woman's Clubs, in session here to-day, voted down by one vote a resolution providing for join-ing the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The admission of negro delegates at th Milwaukee meeting of the General Federation figured prominently in the discussions. There seemed to be a sentiment among the Alabama club women favoring the formation of a Gulf States

Pederation.
The autopsy on Mrs. Hammond's body completed at midnight, demonstrated co clusively that the woman was first badly beaten and then strangled to death.

CHARGES OF HERESY AGAINST DR. BRADLEY

(By Associated Press.)

NEWNAN, GA., ..ov. 23 .- At the meet



MR. HENRY C. STUART,

BALFOUR TO QUIT: OTHERS FOLLOW?

ish Premier Will Resign.

PARLIAMENT MAY BE DISSOLVED

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, November 21-Tremendou activity developed in political circles towell-founded report that Premier Balto a close and to directly or indirectly appeal to the country. Rumors regarding for three months past, but when two of the immediate resignation of the prebreach in the Unionist party over the fiscal question, the "suggestion" was question, the "suggestion" looked upon as having been inspired by Mr. Balfour himself. This was strengthpublication of the editorials, Mr. Balfour met certain influential persons at his

Those two facts, when coupled, led to this winter. In other words, the reign at the conference his intention to resign. to King Edward at Windsor Castle, It informed of Mr. Balfour's intentions. Be-

port.
All political interest now centers in

SLEMP DID NOT DELIVER GOODS

Strong Report That Brit- Somebody Wan ed to Hold the of Leadership.

REVOLT FORMING AGAINST "BOSS"

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., November 23. Democrats and Republicans alike are ception that will be accorded Representacomes again. He has not been here since the election in Virginia. He had been dissolution of Parliament have been thick every few days, and almost invariably he went to see the President for th the leading government organs to-day, purpose of regaling Mr. Roosevelt with stories indicative of the swelling numbers representing the Republican party

lers representing the Republican parry in Virginia, and the growing respectability of the party in the Old Dominion. But he has not been here of late, and the chances are that even after he comes on to take his place on the Republican side of the House of Representatives, the purlieus of the White House will not know him as frequently as of yore. It is possible, ave even certain, that Mr. possible, aye, even certain, that Mr. Slemp, Jr., the State chairman, will not be seen much about the White House Slemps have not thudded, but they have hit the earth with force enough to knock the political breath out of their bodies.

Looking for a Leader.

I have heard doubt expressed as to whether Representative Slemp would even be renominated next year. The slump in the Republican vote this year has disgusted more people than President Roosevelt. The boasting concerning what the party would do in Virginia this fall fooled more than Mr. Roosevelt. It is said the Republicans of the Ninth Dissaid the Republicans of the Republi Balfour will go from meetings to King Edward with the resignations of himself and the other members of the cabinet.

Conservative and Unionist papers are in favor of the resignation of the cabinet, which will place the Liberals on the defensive in case Sir Henry Campbell. Bannerman consents to form a cabinet, but the radicals say that the resignation will only mean dissolution, as Sir Henry, if requested to form a ministry would certainly decline to do so until the verdicet of the people became known. The Liberal papers point out that while fir. Balfour may attempt this "tactical move," they are confident it will fall on every side, and that therefore the dissolution of Parliament is believed to be imminent. There is no thought, however that a political campaign will be forced prior to the beginning of the year, with the elections, somewhere about the end of January.

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MISSOURI MAY DRIVE OUT STANDARD OIL

Rockefeller, Rogers and Flagler Subpoened to Appear Before Folk's Commissioner.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, November 23.—Sub-poennes were issued to-day for John D.

SPIVEY EXONERATED OF DUCK'S MURDER

Prosecution Declined to Introduce Dead Man's Daughter As Witness.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, VA., November 23 .- Accused of murdering William Duck, aged sev-

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BOARD COULD NOT DO OTHERWISE

Discussion Understood and Expected at Lexington and Institute.

THE RECALCITRANT CADETS REMOVED

They Disclose Purpose to Stand By Their Guns, Even to the Point of Dismissal-A Marked Improve-

ment in the Fare.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEXINGTON, VA., November 23 .- The people of Lexington were not surprised to-day when information reached here of the action of the board of visitors of the Virginia Military Institute at their their refusal to accept the compromise paper presented to members of the third class by Governor Montague and signed by them, and least of all was there any surprise at the institute. The gravity of the situation, and it is understood here better than elsewhere, and persons in close touch with the cadets and the institute officers and faculty, understood that the board of visitors could not do otherwise than demand a strict adherence to their ideas of discipine as expressed in their verdict following the investigations in Lexington November 9th-1ith. tions in Lexington November 9th-11th.

Will Not Retract.

When interviewed to-day as to their When interviewed to-day as to their probable action, certain members of the third class, particularly some of the "outh-bound thirteen," positively asserted that the cadets who had thus far refused to express any regrets for their insubordination in threatening to leave the institute on account of unsatisfactory fare at the mess hall, would not retract, repent, apologize, or in any way express regrets for that action.

They say they do not regret the step taken; therefore they refuse to stulify themselves by saying so.

One Will Recede.

When mention was made of a rumor that some members of the recalcitrant thirteen would yield and sign the paper as requested, the reply was received that possibly one of them would recede from the position taken, but that the other twelve would remain firm to the end, even if that end be dismissal. Some of the cadets think the other members of the third class will go with the few who are finally dismissed, but such a contingency is not seriously considered by others, and kespectally by When mention was made of a rumo

eldered by others, and especially friends of the school who are in position to form a correct opinion.

Foot-Ball Game.

The additional seven days given the offending cadets will permit the Thanksgiving game of foot-ball between the Virginia Military Institute and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute to take place

tainly that long.

A visitor to the institute would see nothing to indicate that a critical period is now being passed through by this justly famous school. Military and academic duties are dally gone through, as if nothing out of the ordinary had occurred, and all the boys perform their tasks with alacrity, even the "oath-bound thirteen."

It is asserted on good authority that a decided improvement in the mess hall fare is noticeable since the investigation began.

MR. PALMER CHOSEN.

Roanoke Man Made Steward of Virginia Military Institute.

Military Institute have chosen Mr. Aaron H. Falmer, of Roanoke, as steward for the institution, and he will take charge of his new position on December 1st.

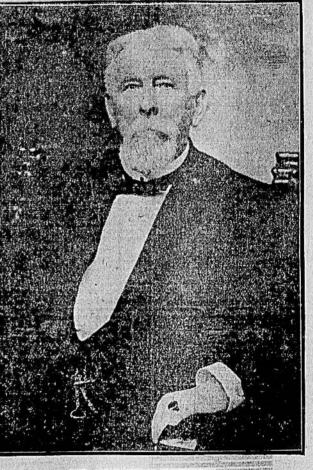
Mr. Palmer is a man who comes well recommended, having filled similar positions with the Hotel Roanoke, the Shenandoah Club and the restaurant of the Norfolk and Western passenger station in the Magic City. Mr. Palmer has held similar positions in the East and North, and has "held up his end" wherever he has been.

THE WEATHER.

Porceast: Virginia—Fair and warmer Friday: Saturday, showers, except fair in southeast portions; light to fresh south winds, increasing.

North Carolini—Fair and somewhat warmer Friday: Saturday, showers; light, variable winds, becoming south.

Conditions Yesterday.



MR. STEPHEN PUTNEY

Prominent Wholesale Shoe Merchant, Who Died Last Evening After Long-Falling
Health.

SOUTH'S VIEW OF IMMIGRATION

Dr. Watson Discusses Was Closely Identified **Problems Farmers** Must Face.

SECRETARY WILSON IS EAGERLY HEARD

The second days' session of the seventh innual convention of the Southern States Association of Commissioners of Agri-Association of Commissioners of ASTIculture yesterday was even more interesting that the first day's session. A
large number of business men of the
city and a large number of ladies accepted President Koiner's invitation to
attend the meetings, and at both the
morning and afternoon sessions the assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce was well filled with people.

The features of the morning's proceedings were an address by Dr. J. E. Watson, of South Carolina, on immigration;
a paper by Professor A. M. Soule, on the
extermination of the cattle tick; ad-

dresses by Dr. Tait Butler, of North Carolina; H. A. Morgan, of Tennessee,

dresses by Dr. Tait Butler, of North Carolina; H. A. Morgan, of Tennessee, and Dr. J. R. Mohler, of Washington, on the same subject.

In the afternoon Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture and a member of the President's Cabinet, made an instructive address on the work of the United States Agricultural Department. He was followed by Colonel John S. Cunlingham, of North Carolina; Mr. N. W. Winston and E. M. Mathison, who spoke on tobacco culture, and J. M. McCandless, whose theme was the "Best Method of Teaching the Farmer How to Purchase Fertilizers."

At night the members of the conven-tion and a number of friends were en-tertained at a royal banquet at Murphy's Hotel.

Proceedings in Detail.

The convention did not assemble at the appointed hour, and it was nearly 10:30 o'clock when President Kolner's gavel fell. Because of the lateness of the hour of meeting the reports of the the hour of meeting the reports of the commissioners of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, Mississippi and other States were posiponed, and Hon. J. E. Watson, of South Carolina, was introduced as the first speaker of the day. Mr. Watson's address on "How to Locate Immigrants in the Sguth," which had been postponed from the first

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MR. PUTNEY DIES, ILL TWO YEARS

With the Business Life of Richmond.

OLDEST MEMBER OF THE SHOE BUSINESS

Mr. Stephen Putney died last night a Franklin Street, after an illness that had lasted more than two years.

but for several years he had suffered so intensely from asthma that he was weak and unable to withstand the ravages

Melrose, Mass., when a lad, nine years of age, and had since that time been an His father was Stephen . Putney, of

Boston, and his mother Nancy Howard, of Melrose. His parents lived in Melrose, Mass., where he was born. Some rose, Mass., where he was born. Some time before 1839 he came to Richmond to engage in business with his uncle. Mr. Samuel Putney, who was carrying on the retail shee trade on Main Street. He later became a member of the firm of Putney, Watts and Putney; then Putney and Company, and at the time of his death was president of the Stephen Putney Shoe Company.

Mr. Stephen Putney was married twice. His first wire, whom he married on May

His first wire, whom he married on May 8, 1855, was Miss Elizabeth Moore Lang-horne, daughter of the Rev. George W. Langhorne, of the Methodist Church, and sister of Mr. Marion Langhorne. Pivo children resulted from this mar-riage, Mr. Langhorne Putney, Mrs. Joseph Estes, Mrs. A. P. Cone, Mrs. R. C. Worth-ington and Miss Elizabeth Moore Putwho died during the past August,

The Second Marriage. On November 12, 1877, he married Miss Ellie Withers, daughter of the Hon. Rob-ert E. Withers, of Wytheville, United ert E. Withers, of Wytheville, Uni States Senator and Gonsul-General Hong Kong, under President Cleveland, who, with her two children, Mrs. Wil-

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GREAT CROWD WILL SEE YALE-HARVARD GAME

Expected That the Attendance Will Exceed That Ever Assembled at Contest.

KILLS ONE BROTHER WOUNDS THE OTHER

Frenzied New York Painter Baffled in Love for High School Girl.

MERIWETHER AND BRANCH CODE VICTIMS

Verdict of Public Without Naval Court-Martial Circle.

DEATH WAS DIRECT

RESULT OF FIGHT Hot Bath Was Not the Cause,

But May Have Hastened

Branch's Death.

MERIWETHER'S GALLANTRY SAVED KNOCKOUT BLOW

Had Branch On Knees, and, According to "Code," Could Have Finished Him, But Turned His Back. Bare Fists in Old Days.

By WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent) ray-headed admirals of the American savy, attired in the dress uniform of their rank, four officers of lesser rank, also in dress uniform, and all seated about a long table in the dimiy lighted section room, where the court-marrial is sitting; a pale faced boy, wearing the undress uniform of a naval cadet, his eyes bright with nervous excitement, his face pale and haggared with long nervous tension, his lips occasionally curving in a smile, but more often quivering in pathetic fashion; uniformed navel officers, eager speciators; cadet officers in uniform; a dozen newspaper correspondents trying to write at a six by six table, and about the open door a group of marines and citizens eager to show that Midshipman Merriwether had caused the death of his commade, Midshipman James R. Branch.

This is the picture I carry in mind to light and a long and light and to the call of the carry in mind to light.

This is the picture I carry in mind to-night as I glance back at the court-murtial proceedings at the Naval Acad-

Death Not Caused By Bath.

It can scarcely be said that the cyl dence adduced to-day was important It established as clearly as the prosecu dence adduced to-day was important. It established as clearly as the prosecution could have hoped to establish the fact that in the opinion of the emission medical men who attended Mdihspman Branch after the fatal fight, the blows received from the fists of Midshipman Meriwether were the cause of death. But this could hardly have been seriously doubted. The Johns Hopkins specialists, both of them were absolutely unequivocal in expressing this opinion. Indeed, the only feature of the testimony to-day which at all approached the sensational was the declaration concurred in by all the men of medicine that the hot bath which was given Branch immediately after the fight had nothing to do with his death. One of them thought it might possibly have hastened the tragic termination, but all agreed that it did not cause it.

not cause it.

Though the prosecution will not rest
until noon to-morrow, or possibly not
until the afternoon session, it cannot hope to establish more certainly that death ensued as a direct result of the fight between the two midshipmen. The defense is trying to show that the death resulted from a diseased condition of the arterial system, due to the over-training of young Branch, or that it may have been the result of cerebral embolism, induced by the fight, in which case the resonability of Mariwether case the responsibility of far been at all successful. The attempt to show that death was the result of other than the fight created some sur-prise on the part of the prosecution. Spectators laugh when they discuss the attempt of the defense,

The "Binding Code." oven more clearly establishd than that the death was the direct result of the fight. It is that there is a so-called code at the Naval Academy, unwritten, but as binding as if it were inscribed in lotters of blood, that compels a cadet to engage in a fisite encounter with any comrade who has given him a real or fancied insuit, and to accept a challenge to such encounter when one is received.

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Furthermore, it has been most clearly established that the authorities—that is, the endet officers, if not the commandant and his commissioned staff—knew of the existence of this code, and have known all the while. That the cadet officers knew of it is evidenced by the fact that there cannot under the terms of the code be a fight of this character unless one of them is present in the capacity of umpire or referee. That the officers of the Academy knew of it is proven by the manner in which old officers of the navy sitting in judgment on the boy who, however unintentionally, caused the death of his comrade, assisted in straightening out witnesses who were rying to describe the manner in which the mills were conducted.

The fact of the existence of such a code is admitted by naval officers, but more than one say that its terms are not as they were in the old days.

Formerly Fought With Bare